

LOCAL NATURE ACTION PLAN (LNAP)

Winterbourne Parish Council (WPC) has recognised the importance of taking steps to address the Climate Emergency declared by South Gloucestershire Council and is seeking to integrate this work with other initiatives to improve the local environment for wildlife and for Parishioners. WPC launched their Local Nature Action Plan (LNAP) at the October full Council Meeting, this has been put together by a dedicated LNAP Team, spearheaded by Parish Councillors Steve Jenkins and Adrian Collins.

The LNAP aims to:

- improve how we manage and connect public open spaces and strengthen green corridors;
- support and enhance local initiatives for biodiversity in green and urban spaces;
- provide vital green space for nature to thrive in our communities;
- create more attractive and healthier places to live for residents of the present and future;
- to respond to the effects of climate change, taking actions to counter environmental harm on a local, Parish level.

One immediate project is to enhance and recover the biodiversity in **Tuckett Field**, Frenchay (pictured) where a five year plan is being implemented to compliment the adjacent National Trust Frenchay Moor management plan.



This includes a recent application to WECA for a Bee-Bold Pollinator Grant. Strong local partnerships will help projects get the expertise and support required with the LNAP structure providing a sound framework for consultation and commitment to this vital initiative.

THANK YOU

Winterbourne Parish Council would like to thank the Winterbourne WI for another amazing Remembrance flag pole display. Our thanks also to Gordon Blight and Bob drew who have now retired from 'flag pole duty' However, we are pleased that they have passed over responsibility to another couple of willing volunteers.



Winterbourne PARISH COUNCIL

Message from the Chair, Paul Kembery

As a Parish Council we continue to work hard for residents to make the area a better place to live in. The new play areas within the Parish I am sure will be well received by parents and children alike. I would like to wish you all happiness and goodwill for the festive season ahead



Winterbourne Parish Councillors laid wreaths to mark the sad passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II. A book of condolence was opened at the Greenfield Centre and the completed pages have been sent to South Gloucestershire Council to be kept in their archives.



SILTEX TREATMENT FOR THE DUCK POND

If you were wondering why there was a boat in our duck pond recently the reason being we put about 40bags of a calcium carbonate product in the pond – otherwise known as 'Siltex Treatment'. This treatment helps to reduce the build up of organic silt in the pond. Silt can cause problems with flooding, reduce the growth of aquatic plants and reduce the oxygen content of the water. This treatment has been carried out to hopefully prevent the need for the silt to be mechanically removed which is very costly.



NEW PLAY PROVISION AT THE RECREATIONAL GROUND AND PLANS TO UPDATE THE PAVILLION

Winterbourne Parish Council are delighted with the new play area at The Recreational Ground in Winterbourne. The play area is aimed at pre-school and younger children as, it was felt, there was a lack of provision for this age group in parts of the parish.

Designs were submitted from various companies who had the impossible task of designing a play area which is attractive for young children but, at the same time, will hopefully not be targeted by vandals. We are particularly impressed by 'the track' and hope to see many young children using it on their scooters and balance bikes!



The Pavillion, which is owned and maintained by Winterbourne Parish Council, is used all year round by the local football and cricket clubs. It has long been felt that in its current state it is not meeting the current needs of its users, therefore further re-furnishment is needed. Reserves have been put aside over several years to deliver the potential works.

Several Councillors have been working together, alongside local clubs, to draw up plans. We are pleased to report that plans have been submitted to South Gloucestershire Council and, once approval has been granted, we will be in a position to obtain quotes for the works.



Artist impression of new pavilion

DAMSONS BRIDGE SAFETY INITIATIVE

While the Parish Council is not directly responsible for Highway improvements, Members were delighted to hear that, following extensive discussions between Councillors Trevor Jones and Nic Labuschagne and the South Gloucestershire Council Cabinet Member responsible for our roads, steps have been taken to improve safety around Damsons Bridge. Council Officers will continue to monitor the situation at this narrow site and consider possible further investment to protect pedestrians.

South Gloucestershire Council Highways Teams recently closed Down Road for a day, so they could widen and repaint the pedestrian priority markings on the bridge, aiming to make crossing easier. New signage was added to warn motorists to slow down on their approach.

Councillors have committed to working with officers and Senior Members of South Gloucestershire Council, toward a more comprehensive solution, having pushed for an investigation into the creation of a new footbridge adjacent to the existing bridge. Such an arrangement would not only take pedestrians off the road entirely but would be much more cost-effective than replacing the existing bridge.



NEW DISABLED ACCESS KISSING GATE AT TUCKETT FIELD

A disabled access kissing gate has been installed at Tuckett field. This work has taken place alongside the rebuilding of the stone wall. The Parish Council are committed to ensuring as many people as possible can enjoy its outdoor spaces.

